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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Commission

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**SUBJECT:** MUR 5546 Progress for America Voter Fund –  
Errata and Supplemental Information

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Due to an objection, the First General Counsel's Report in MUR 5546 has been placed on the agenda for the Commission's Executive Session of June 21, 2005. This Office has recommended the Commission make reason to believe findings on a "common vendor" coordination theory involving disbursements made by Progress for America Voter Fund ("PFA-VF") to vendors also utilized by Bush-Cheney '04 Inc. and/or the Republican National Committee.

As indicated in the First GCR, IRS disclosure reports indicate that PFA-VF made several million dollars in disbursements to DCI Group and FYI Messaging, both of which were formed by Tom Synhorst, a partner in Feather Larson & Synhorst ("FLS"). Although not mentioned in the First GCR, FLS may also be known as Feather Larson Synhorst – DCI ("FLS-DCI").<sup>1</sup> Both FYI Messaging and DCI Group appear to operate out of the same office in Phoenix, Arizona listed as a branch office by FLS/FLS-DCI.

<sup>1</sup> FLS/FLS-DCI partner Tony Feather, the political director of the 2000 Bush campaign, founded Respondent Progress for America Inc., a 501(c)(4) organization which PFA-VF lists as a connected organization, in 2001. Mr. Feather, however, reportedly disassociated himself from Progress For America Inc. in 2003. The First GCR recommends no action at this time as to that Respondent.

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As stated in the First GCR, publicly available information indicates that Bush-Cheney '04 Inc. and the RNC made several million dollars in disbursements to FLS. Upon further review, it appears that many of the RNC disbursements actually were reported as being made to FLS-DCI. There is a single reference in the First GCR at page 14, lines 17-18, that erroneously states, "[B]ased on disclosure reports, both Bush-Cheney and the RNC paid FYI Messaging and DCI Group millions of dollars in 2003." The reference to millions of dollars included the disbursements to FLS and FLS-DCI, which are affiliated with DCI Group and FYI Messaging. Bush-Cheney '04 and RNC made nearly three hundred thousand dollars in disbursements to FYI Messaging. The RNC also made disbursements to DCI Group. See attached charts. We have also determined that Bush-Cheney '04 disbursed money to FLS. Therefore, DCI and FYI Messaging are common vendors between PFA-VF and the RNC and FYI Messaging is a common vendor between Bush-Cheney '04 and PFA-VF.

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